



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Regarding Emma Donnan Middle School

Whereas, IC 20-31-9-9 reads, in relevant part:

(a) Not later than December 31 of the fifth year of an intervention under this chapter, the state board shall take one (1) of the following actions:

- (1) Return the school to the school corporation for operation.
- (2) Direct the special management team to apply to a charter school authorizer for charter school status for the school.
- (3) Implement a new intervention under section 4(b) of this chapter.

Whereas, pursuant to IC 20-31-9 and IC 20-31-9.5, the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) elected to assign a special management team to assume responsibility for the operation of Emma Donnan Middle School (“Emma Donnan”) due to numerous years of poor academic performance in 2012;

Whereas, after public hearings and an application process, the Board selected Charter Schools USA (“CSUSA”) to operate Emma Donnan Middle School, and CSUSA’s contract expires in June of 2020;

Whereas, in order to assist in Emma Donnan’s transition from turnaround status, the Board created a School Transition Task Force (“Task Force”) that sought input from stakeholders within the community;

Whereas, the Task Force met six times and conducted five public hearings between September of 2018 and March of 2019;

Resolved, based on input from various stakeholders, the work of the Task Force, and in accordance with IC 20-31-9-9, the Board directs the special management team to apply for a charter for Emma Donnan to continue to operate the school when the current contract expires in June of 2020.

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